

**Monday: 18/01/21**

Proverbs 31:30

We live in a world that looks on material things. How much money we have. The fashionable clothes we wear. Where we go to eat and places of entertainment. What level of prestige and influence we have achieved in life.

The Bible continually tells us that in God's eyes we have a completely different value system. The verse here describes the true beauty and value of a woman whose heart is focused only on God.

Beauty is vain and charm is deceitful. These two seemingly benign and beneficial attributes are not deemed as gracious and rewarding as a woman who fear (read respects) the Lord is.

In what way can a woman adorn herself in the comely beauty of their faith in God today?

Lord, I rejoice in the beauty of your Grace.

**Tuesday: 19/01/21**

Psalms 37:16-17

Keeping up with the Jones' was once a humorous catch phrase. Yet men, by their very nature, are competitive. They tend to like to try and out do other men. Either knowingly or unknowingly. It might be said it's in their nature.

Our Bible verse today tells us that it's not about gaining a great deal of wealth or objects. We are assured that the little a Godly man may possess will always be far better than any amassed wealth an ungodly man may have attained.

Where is your treasure stored?

Lord, all that You give is all the I need.

**Wednesday: 20/01/21**

Exodus 20:12

In the book of Exodus we read of many journeys, truths and traditions. While in this very short verse we read the advice that was given to the children. Advice as to how to behave and treat parents.

Rebellious youth at the time gave their parents all sorts of grief. They may have not liked the hardships of the journey and rebelled against strict rules.

They are told to give honour their mother and father. The promised reward was the blessing of a better life in a promised land for all to take and rejoice in.

Children today haven't changed that much. They still are known to rebel and complain. As a child we need to stop and listen to the verse. For God has blessed us with parents. We need to honour them by our actions to that the family may be blessed together.

Lord, we are all children in need of guidance.

**Thursday: 21/01/21**

1 Timothy 3:11

The tongue is deemed such a small part, and yet it has power. To bless others or curse. In social media there is a term called trolling. This is done when someone deliberately posts something slanderous to get a response. There's no intention to learn from the experience. It's just to upset as many as possible.

Women are encouraged to be sober minded as well as faithful in all things. Those words cover a wide range of areas of someone's life. To constantly keep check of what we say and do is our challenge.

How often have you been able to stop your tongue?

Lord, help me keep watch over what I say.

**Friday: 22/01/21**

1 Corinthians 16:13

Wow, just Wow. In a crazy messed up world where people are being fooled by Satan to buy into such things as gender fluidity and effeminate males; we read such strong and decisive words. Words that ever man needs to read and every young boy needs to learn.

In his wonderful book "Wild at Heart" the author John Eldridge talks of the need for young boys to have a strong male role model. How important it is for a father to be there to guide and nurture a boys challenging upbringing.

Here we are encouraged in the boldest of words to be the role model needed. To be watchful, to stand firm in the faith and to act like 'men'.

Time to 'man up' and lead of sons towards God.

Lord, make me a man after your heart.

**Saturday: 23/01/21**

Ephesians 6:1-3

We read how important it is for children to show respect for their parents. Some times this can be difficult. Yet we are told that we are to do this as we belong to the Lord.

What we can learn from this is that we are to show honour to our mother and father, as we would to our Lord. If we are at odds with them we may find solace in the act of not inflaming the situation: By showing the same love and peace our Saviour had shown to even his enemies.

In what way can we find peace in conflict?

Lord, where there is conflict let me sow peace.

## *For This*



I am a Christian.

One who believes in the unseen presence of God.  
One who trusts in the perfect salvation of Jesus.  
One who follows the righteous way of life.

For this;  
I am insulted as naive  
I am rejected as foolish  
I am challenged to recant  
I am threatened with violence  
I am treated with malice  
I am beaten and abused  
I am treated with contempt  
I am tortured and put to death

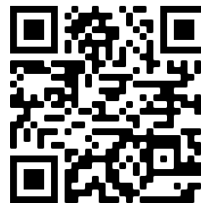
For these things,  
I am rejoicing in Jesus my Lord and Saviour.

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## Six days to Sunday



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*We believe in the Bible over all of life  
and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,  
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*